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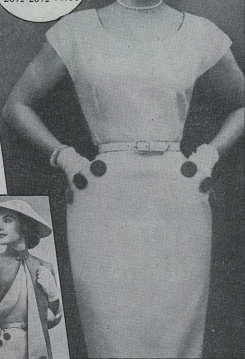
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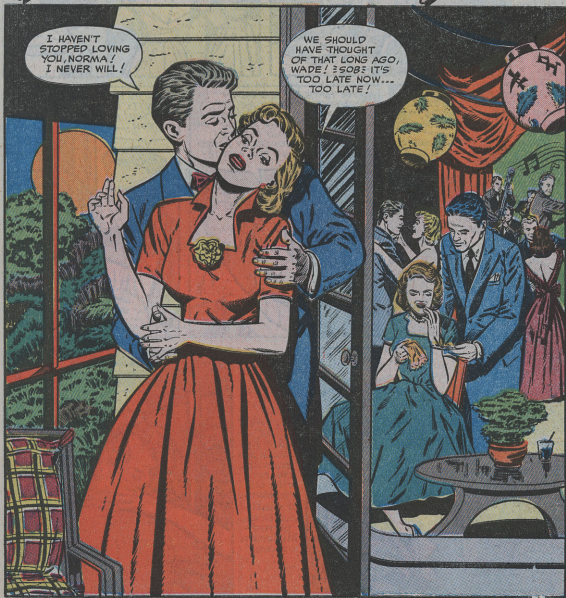
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How pathetically little we know about love when we're only sixteen! The mistake I made on my second date with Wade Chapman was to haunt me for years afterward! And they were bitter years in which my anguished heart yearned to turn back the clock and to change that one tragic moment! But my tears were wasted, and it was

Too Late For Regrets



I met Wade at a high school dance, and I'll never forget how thrilled I was when he phoned for a date two days later.



How my heart sang all through that exciting evening!

HONEST, NOW? YOU'VE NEVER BEEN OUT ON A DATE?

HONEST! AND I'M HAVING A SWELL TIME!



GOSH, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, NORMA! WE BOTH LIKE THE SAME BOOKS, AND WE'RE BOTH CRAZY ABOUT DOGS AND WE LIKE TO DANCE...

WE HAVE AN AWFUL LOT IN COMMON!



MAYBE THAT'S WHY I LIKED YOU SO MUCH RIGHT FROM THE START!

IF YOU HADN'T LIKED ME, I'D PROBABLY HAVE BEEN AN OLD MAID BEFORE SOMEBODY ASKED ME FOR A DATE!



DON'T BE FUNNY! A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU! SWEET SIXTEEN ...

AND NEVER BEEN KISSED!



SOMEBODY'S WASTED A LOT OF TIME, NORMA! I'M GOING TO CHANGE ALL THAT RIGHT NOW!

WADE... YOU MUSTN'T!



And, oh, the rapturous thrill that swept over me as Wade's lips, tender one moment, warm with the passion of youth the next, rained kisses on mine!



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I lived in a romantic dream world for days afterward... and I had to tell someone about Wade! My cousin Evelyn was twenty... a woman of the world in my eyes, and so...

IT WAS ALL SO NEW AND... EXCITING! I NEVER THOUGHT LOVE WAS LIKE THIS!

YOU ARE A CHILD, AREN'T YOU, NORMA?

YOU LET HIM KISS YOU ON YOUR FIRST DATE?

BUT HE'S IN LOVE WITH ME, TOO! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A FEW KISSES, IS THERE?

DARLING, A MAN LOSES RESPECT WHEN A GIRL IS TOO... EASY! IF YOU REALLY WANT WADE TO LOVE YOU, YOU CAN'T LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY... SO SOON!

MAYBE HE THINKS I'M... CHEAP! OH, EVELYN... HOW TERRIBLE!

I worried about Evelyn's advice all that night!

I HOPE IT ISN'T TOO LATE! I'D DIE IF WADE THOUGHT I WAS... THE KIND OF GIRL EVELYN TALKED ABOUT!

And like the naïve fool I was, the next time I saw Wade...

I THOUGHT YOUR FOLKS WOULD NEVER GO TO THAT MOVIE! COME HERE, NORMA!

N-NO, WADE! I...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SWEETHEART? DON'T YOU... WANT TO KISS ME?

NO, I'D RATHER NOT!

OH, WADE, I WANT THAT MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!

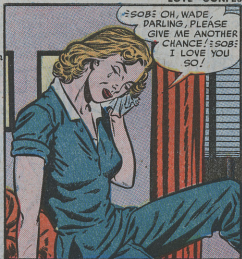
And after an awkward, miserable hour!

GOOD NIGHT, NORMA! TELL YOUR FOLKS THANKS FOR THE SWELL DINNER!

GOOD NIGHT, WADE!

HE LOOKED HURT AND ANGRY! AND HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT SEEING ME AGAIN!

My heart-breaking premonition had been right! Wade didn't call, and my glorious dreams were shattered into dirt!



SOB! OH, WADE, DARLING, PLEASE GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE! SOB! I LOVE YOU SO!

Once again I turned to Evelyn for advice!

YOU CRAZY KID! OF COURSE IT DOESN'T MATTER HE THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED IN HIM! I GUESS I DIDN'T MAKE MYSELF CLEAR!



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE IF YOU REALLY LOVE HIM! CALL WADE AND ASK HIM TO COME OVER!

I COULDN'T DO THAT! HE'S PROBABLY DISGUSTED WITH ME!



BESIDES I SAW HIM AT THE SHOW WITH SALLY GRANGER THE OTHER NIGHT! HE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME!

SIXTEEN YEARS OLD AND YOU'RE FULL OF STUBBORN PRIDE! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE YOUNG AND YOU'LL GET OVER HIM!



But I didn't get over him! Wade's kisses were like fire on my lips and I whispered his name a hundred times each day, even after he left town!

I TALKED TO MRS. CHAPMAN TODAY! REMEMBER HER SON... THAT NICE YOUNG MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER ONE EVENING?

YES... YES, I REMEMBER!



HE'S GONE TO NEWARK TO WORK IN HIS UNCLE'S INSURANCE OFFICE! ISN'T THAT FINE?

WONDERFUL! DID SHE SAY... WHETHER OR NOT HE'S GOING TO COME BACK?



TO BLAIRVILLE? HEAVENS, WHY WOULD HE COME BACK HERE WHEN HE HAS A PROMISING CAREER IN THE CITY?

I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN! OH, WADE... WADE!



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Life has a way of going on, despite a broken heart! I didn't forget Wade, but there came a day when...

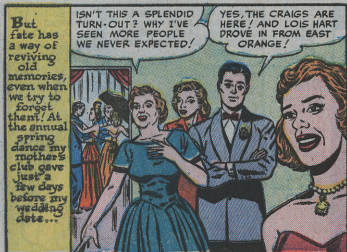


Tom was pleasant company, but our relationship was anything but romantic! I knew just what to expect from him and when!



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I was like a numb, lifeless puppet as I went through the motions of preparing for our wedding!



My heart pounded wildly, excited and yet terrified, for in that fleeting moment I knew that I loved Wade more now than ever before!



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But after a strained, awkward half hour!

FEELING BETTER, NORMA? THEY'LL BE MISSING US!

YES, WE'D BETTER GO BACK!

WADE WILL STILL BE HERE! I'VE GOT TO HIDE SOMEWHERE!



I...THINK I'LL FEEL BRIGHTER IF I FRESHEN MY FACE A LITTLE! WILL YOU EXCUSE ME, TOM?

CERTAINLY, DEAR! I'LL BE OVER WITH THE FOLKS!



I hurried from the dance hall hoping to kill more time in the powder room! But as I stepped into the corridor!

NORMA! I... WAS AFRAID OF THIS!

AFRAID? AREN'T YOU...A LITTLE GLAD TO SEE ME?



I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HERE TONIGHT, NORMA! I FINALLY PLEADED A HEADACHE AND WAS ON MY WAY OUT!

BUT, WHY?



MAYBE I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE YOU, NORMA! THOUGH I SUPPOSE I SHOULD WISH YOU HAPPINESS! THEY TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED!

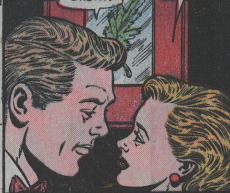
YES! YES, THAT'S TRUE!



We were both shy and embarrassed but the emotions that radiated between us could not be suppressed! And suddenly...

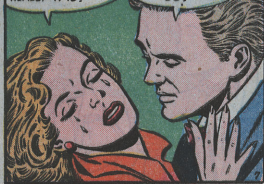
WHAT HAPPENED TO US, NORMA? DON'T YOU REMEMBER? IT WAS A SPRING NIGHT, LIKE THIS ONE...

AND I WAS SUCH A FOOL, WADE! SUCH A YOUNG FOOL!



OH, YOU'D DIE LAUGHING IF I TOLD YOU WHAT REALLY HAPPENED! :SOB: IT'S...FUNNY...:SOB: REALLY IT IS!

NORMA! NORMA, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN, EITHER! OH, WHAT A BLUNDERING IDIOT I WAS TO LET YOU GO!



And suddenly I was blurring out the pathetically funny story! The tragic story of why I had denied him the kisses I had wanted so desperately!

DON'T...DON'T CRY, NORMA! WE WE WE DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER!
BUT I HAVEN'T CHANGED, WADE!



NO...NO, THAT LOVE WASN'T THE KIND THAT TIME CAN KILL! I LOVED YOU THEN, NORMA! AND I NEVER STOPPED LOVING YOU!



OH, WADE, MY DEAREST! WHY DID WE HAVE TO REALIZE THIS NOW, WHEN IT'S TOO LATE!

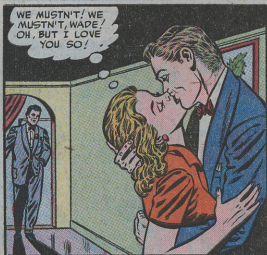
It was too late for regrets, but nothing could have prevented what happened next!

MY DARLING, IF YOU KNEW HOW MANY NIGHTS I'VE DREAMED ABOUT HOLDING YOU IN MY ARMS THIS WAY!



NO, WADE! WE CAN'T!

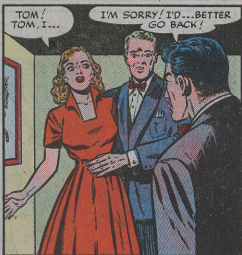
WE MUSTN'T! WE MUSTN'T, WADE! OH, BUT I LOVE YOU SO!



Breathless, reeling with the overwhelming tide of emotions that coursed through me, I clung to Wade! And then....!

TOM! TOM, I...

I'M SORRY! I'D...BETTER GO BACK!



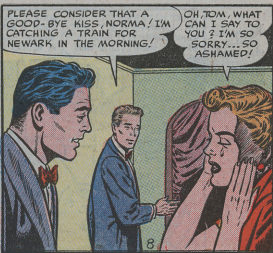
NO! NO, DON'T GO, TOM! IT'S ALL A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!

I OWE YOU MY DEEPEST APOLOGY! PLEASE BELIEVE ME...I WOULDN'T JEOPARDIZE YOUR HAPPINESS FOR THE WORLD!



PLEASE CONSIDER THAT A GOOD-BYE KISS, NORMA! I'M CATCHING A TRAIN FOR NEWARK IN THE MORNING!

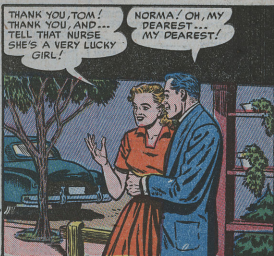
OH, TOM, WHAT CAN I SAY TO YOU? I'M SO SORRY... SO ASHAMED!



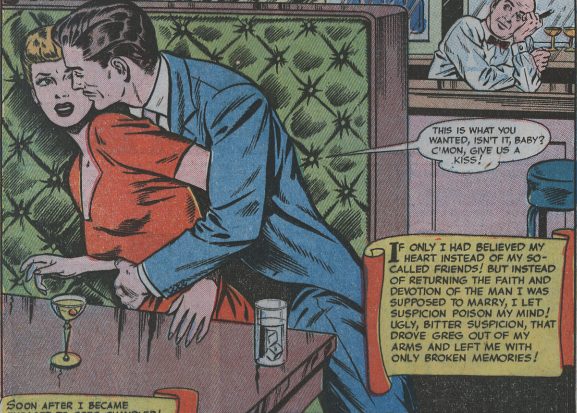
Torn with shame and regret, I followed Tom outside, hoping to find words that would ease the hurt I had inflicted!



We saw Wade, sitting on the porch, depressed and alone, as we drove up to the Chapman home! And then, as I hurried into his waiting arms, I turned to wave at the man who had made my fondest dream come true!



I LISTENED TO A ROMANCE-WRECKER!



THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED, ISN'T IT, BABY? C'MON, GIVE US A KISS!

IF ONLY I HAD BELIEVED MY HEART INSTEAD OF MY SO-CALLED FRIENDS! BUT INSTEAD OF RETURNING THE FAITH AND DEVOTION OF THE MAN I WAS SUPPOSED TO MARRY, I LET SUSPICION POISON MY MIND! UGLY, BITTER SUSPICION, THAT DROVE GREG OUT OF MY ARMS AND LEFT ME WITH ONLY BROKEN MEMORIES!

SOON AFTER I BECAME ENGAGED TO GREG CHANDLER!

OH, I DON'T DOUBT THAT GREG LOVES YOU, PAM! IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE SUCH A TRUSTING CHILD! AND, HONEY, I KNOW MEN!

YOU DON'T KNOW GREG! I'D TRUST HIM ANYWHERE, WITH ANYONE!

NOT ANYONE, DARLING! CERTAINLY NOT THAT REDHEAD WHO WORKS IN HIS DEPARTMENT!

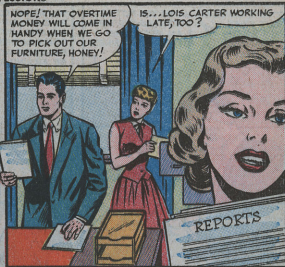
WHAT MAKES YOU MENTION HER?

OH... I KEEP MY EYES OPEN, PAMMIE! A WOMAN WHO'S BEEN MARRIED AND DIVORCED SEES A LOT OF THINGS THAT AN INNOCENT CHILD LIKE YOU MISSES!

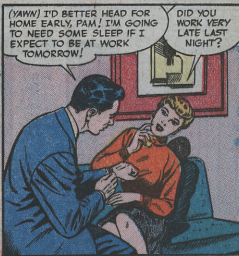
I'VE ALWAYS TRUSTED GREG! I WONDER IF MAYBE I'VE TRUSTED HIM TOO MUCH?



EVA'S WORDS WERE ENOUGH TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF SUSPICION! AFTER THAT, IT WAS EASY TO MISINTERPRET EVERYTHING GREG SAID AND DID!



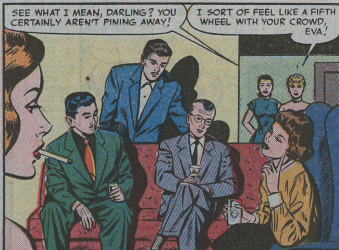
AND FINALLY, POISONED BY EVA'S SUGGESTIONS AND INNUENDOS, I TOLD GREG OF MY SUSPICIONS!



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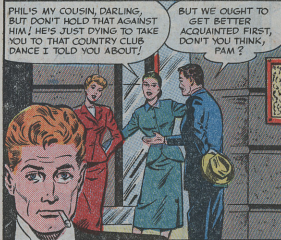


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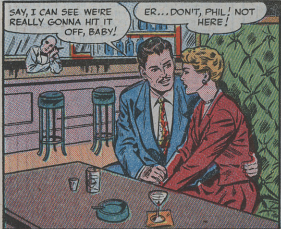
EVA KEPT HER PROMISE ABOUT INTRODUCING ME TO A NEW BOYFRIEND! A FEW DAYS LATER!



PHIL'S MY COUSIN, DARLING, BUT DON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST HIM! HE'S JUST DYING TO TAKE YOU TO THAT COUNTRY CLUB DANCE I TOLD YOU ABOUT!

BUT WE OUGHT TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED FIRST, DON'T YOU THINK, PAM?

SOMETHING TOLD ME EVEN AS I ACCEPTED THE DATE THAT I WOULD REGRET IT! AND LATER...



SAY, I CAN SEE WE'RE REALLY GONNA HIT IT OFF, BABY!

ER...DON'T, PHIL! NOT HERE!

HOW ABOUT SEEING WHAT MAKES THIS TOWN TICK TONIGHT?

WHY, I...I'D LOVE TO, PHIL!



ANYTHING GOES HERE, SUGAR! THE GUY WHO OWNS THE PLACE IS A PAL OF MINE!

WELL, I...I'D RATHER NOT!



WE CAME OUT TO GET ACQUAINTED, DIDN'T WE? C'MON, NOW, YOU'RE NOT A STONE WALL!

LET GO OF ME!



DON'T PULL THAT STUFF WITH ME! I...OHH!

YOU... YOU'RE DISGUSTING!



I WONDER IF YOU'D CALL A CAB FOR ME, PLEASE?

BETTER CALL A HEARSE, CHARLIE! THE DAME IS DEAD, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT!

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SICKENED BY THE EXPERIENCE, I DECIDED TO FORGET MY PRIDE AND TALK TO GREG! BUT INSTEAD OF THE HAPPY REUNION I HAD HOPED FOR!



BUT MY HUMILIATION TURNED TO ANGER SOON AFTERWARD! EVA HAD SURVIVED A BROKEN ROMANCE... I DECIDED, I WOULD DO IT, TOO!



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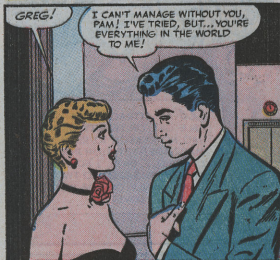
YOU POISONED MY MIND AGAINST THE ONLY REAL FRIEND I HAD... A MAN WHO REALLY LOVED ME! AND WHAT HAVE YOU GIVEN ME AS A SUBSTITUTE?



LIES, DISAPPOINTMENTS... AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU! YOU UNGRATEFUL LITTLE SNIP!



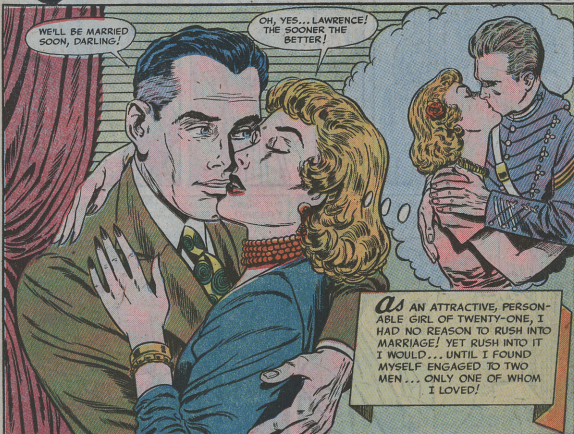
"AFTER ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME!" YOU DROVE GREG OUT OF MY LIFE! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT!



THEN, SUDDENLY, GREG'S LIPS FOUND MINE AND THE OLD SWEETNESS ENGULFED ME ONCE MORE! AND IF THERE WAS ANY DOUBT IN MY HEART, IT MELTED IN THE ECSTASY OF THAT KISS!



RING on my FINGER



BILL MEDFORD, A BOY I HAD KNOWN SINCE MY HIGH SCHOOL DAYS IN OHIO, HAD INVITED ME TO SPEND A GALA WEEK-END AT WEST POINT... ONE OF MANY I HAD SPENT IN THE THREE YEARS THAT HE HAD BEEN THERE!



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AND IT'S SO SELDOM THAT YOU GET TO THE CITY!

I KNOW, HONEY! THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I'D DO ALMOST ANYTHING JUST TO BE WITH YOU!

SOON AFTER I GOT A JOB IN NEW YORK CITY! EVERYONE BACK HOME EXPECTED THAT BILL AND I WOULD BE MARRIED ONE DAY... AND I, TOO SHARED IN THAT EXPECTATION!



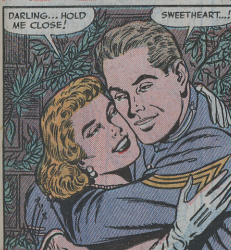
SHERRY... WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME....!

ALMOST SEVEN YEARS... SEVEN WONDERFUL YEARS!



THIS SHOULDN'T COME AS TOO MUCH OF A SURPRISE, DARLING! YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU....!

OH, BILL...! AN ENGAGEMENT RING!



DARLING... HOLD ME CLOSE!

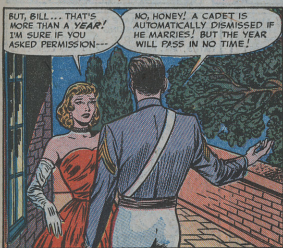
SWEETHEART...!

WE HAD KISSED MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME I HELD BILL WITH A DESPERATE, PASSIONATE ARDOR SUCH AS I HAD NEVER FELT! MY LIPS TREMBLED BENEATH HIS AS I REALIZED THAT I WOULD ONE DAY BE HIS WIFE!



DARLING... WE CAN BE MARRIED NEXT MONTH, DURING YOUR SUMMER VACATION!

THERE'S NOTHING I'D LIKE MORE, HONEY, BUT THERE'S A STRICT RULE HERE AT THE POINT! CADETS CAN'T MARRY UNTIL AFTER GRADUATION!



BUT, BILL... THAT'S MORE THAN A YEAR! I'M SURE IF YOU ASKED PERMISSION---

NO, HONEY! A CADET IS AUTOMATICALLY DISMISSED IF HE MARRIES! BUT THE YEAR WILL PASS IN NO TIME!

I FELT AS IF A KNIFE HAD BEEN TWISTED IN MY HEART! A YEAR... I COULDN'T... I WOULDN'T WAIT THAT LONG! DESPERATELY I CLUNG TO HIM, HOPING THAT THROUGH THE TOUCH OF OUR LIPS I COULD INSTILL IN HIM MY IMPATIENT LONGING!



DARLING... YOU COULD LEAVE THE POINT! YOU COULD GO TO ANOTHER COLLEGE FOR YOUR LAST YEAR!

HONEY... IF I THOUGHT YOU'D TAKE IT LIKE THIS... I WOULD HAVE WAITED! BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE THE RING NOW!

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I WANT TO GET MARRIED AS MUCH AS YOU... BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME! MY FUTURE ARMY CAREER DEPENDS UPON MY GRADUATION!

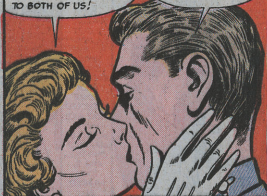
BUT... A YEAR! THAT'S AN ETERNITY!



BUT AS A FLEETING LOOK OF IRRITATION PASSED OVER HIS FACE AND I FELT HIS BODY STIFFEN AGAINST MINE, I REALIZED THAT I HAD GONE TOO FAR! SO I PRESSED MY LIPS GENTLY AND CARESSINGLY TO HIS!

OF COURSE, DARLING! WE'LL WAIT! YOUR CAREER IS MUCH TOO IMPORTANT... TO BOTH OF US!

DARLING! I LOVE YOU...! I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!



BUT ONCE BACK IN NEW YORK, LIFE CONTINUED AS BEFORE!

JUST BECAUSE BILL AND I ARE ENGAGED DOESN'T CHANGE THINGS! I CAN'T SIT AROUND JUST WAITING FOR THE ONE WEEK-END A MONTH THAT I SEE HIM!



THAT MUST BE STEVE! I'D BETTER NOT WEAR MY RING...! IT WOULD ONLY SCARE HIM OFF!



HELLO, STEVE! RIGHT ON TIME AS USUAL!

HI, HONEY! AND YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL AS USUAL! I HOPE YOU'RE WEARING YOUR BEST DANCING SLIPPERS! I'VE GOT A BIG EVENING PLANNED!



STEVE WAS ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN... BUT HE WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY! I HAD NEVER LACKED MALE COMPANIONSHIP IN NEW YORK... BUT BILL HAD BEEN THE ONLY ONE TO PROPOSE MARRIAGE! THEN, AT A PARTY A FEW WEEKS LATER...

STEVE, YOU'VE GOT TO INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR LOVELY FRIEND!

OF COURSE, LARRY! ANYTHING FOR A PAL! SHERRY CARLETON... LAWRENCE PARKER, OF THE KEY WEST PARKERS!



DO YOU ALWAYS MAKE IT A PRACTICE OF WHISKING AWAY YOUR FRIEND'S DATES, MR. PARKER?

IN YOUR CASE, MY DEAR, I HAD NO CHOICE! I WAS COMPLETELY HELPLESS!



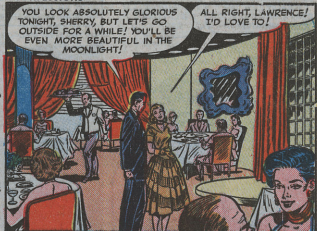
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FRANKLY, THOUGH, I PLANNED THIS! STEVE'S OFF FOR A TWO YEAR CONSTRUCTION JOB IN SOUTH AMERICA AND I PERSUADED HIM TO LEAVE YOU IN MY CARE!

ALL RIGHT, MR. PARKER...LAWRENCE, BUT REMEMBER, IF YOU DON'T TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF ME, I'LL BE FORCED TO WRITE STEVE ABOUT IT!

IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS LAWRENCE WAS TRUE TO HIS WORD! WE WENT OUT EVERY NIGHT...AND AS THE WEALTHY SON OF AN EVEN WEALTHIER FATHER, WE WENT TO ONLY THE MOST GLAMOROUS AND EXCLUSIVE PLACES!



YOU LOOK ABSOLUTELY GLORIOUS TONIGHT, SHERRY, BUT LET'S GO OUTSIDE FOR A WHILE! YOU'LL BE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL IN THE MOONLIGHT!

ALL RIGHT, LAWRENCE! I'D LOVE TO!



SHERRY... DARLING... WE'VE ONLY KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR THREE WEEKS, BUT YOU MUST KNOW... I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE!

LAWRENCE... I... I DON'T KNOW...!



I KNOW...I'M QUITE A FEW YEARS OLDER THAN YOU... BUT I'M STILL YOUNG... AND I'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY...!

YES, LAWRENCE, I'M SURE YOU WOULD!

HERE IN HIS ARMS WITH HIS LIPS ON MINE, THE WONDERFUL LIFE I WOULD HAVE AS MRS. LAWRENCE PARKER OPENED BEFORE ME! IN THE ROLE OF FERVENT LOVER, I CARESS-ED HIS FACE TENDER-LY...



I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I CAN EVER SAY, SHERRY! AND WE'LL BE MARRIED SOON!

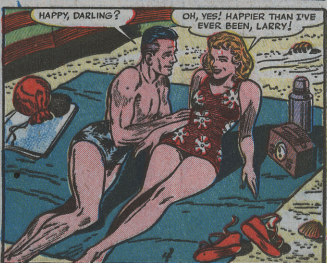
OH, YES... DARLING! THE SOONER THE BETTER!



WE'LL LEAVE FOR FLORIDA NEXT WEEK! I WANT MY FOLKS TO MEET YOU!

ALL RIGHT, DARLING! WHATEVER YOU SAY!

THE FOLLOWING WEEK WAS WILDLY HECTIC AS THE BUSINESS OF PACKING AND BUYING A NEW WARDROBE TOOK ALL OF MY TIME! AND IN MY NEW HAPPINESS I HARDLY GAVE BILL MEDFORD A THOUGHT! AND THEN, I WAS AT THE PARKER ESTATE IN KEY WEST!



HAPPY, DARLING?

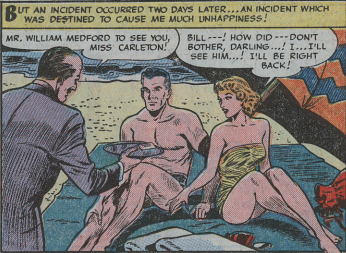
OH, YES! HAPPIER THAN I'VE EVER BEEN, LARRY!

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I FINALLY GOT THE RING I WANTED FOR YOU! I WANTED IT TO BE VERY SPECIAL!

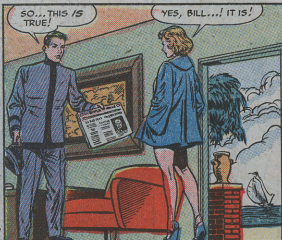
OH, DARLING... I DO LOVE YOU!



MR. WILLIAM MEDFORD TO SEE YOU, MISS CARLETON!

BILL ---! HOW DID --- DON'T BOTHER, DARLING...! I...I'LL SEE HIM...! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

BILL LOOKED GRIM AND PALE, BUT STILL VERY HANDSOME IN HIS UNIFORM, AS HE SHOWED ME AN ITEM IN OUR HOME TOWN NEWSPAPER...THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MY ENGAGEMENT TO LAWRENCE!



SO...THIS IS TRUE!

YES, BILL...! IT IS!



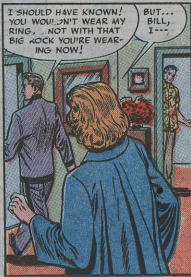
THEN YOU NEVER REALLY LOVED ME!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! I DID! I STILL ---I MEAN...I'M SORRY...BILL! VERY SORRY!



SORRY! I'LL BET! WELL, JUST GIVE ME MY RING AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY! I'M GLAD I FOUND OUT ABOUT YOU BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE!

IT...IT'S IN NEW YORK... IN MY APARTMENT! I'LL SEND IT TO YOU!



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! YOU WOULDN'T WEAR MY RING... NOT WITH THAT BIG ROCK YOU'RE WEARING NOW!

BUT... BILL, I---

AS THE DOOR SLAMMED ON BILL'S RETREATING FIGURE, AN UNCONTROLLABLE GRIEF SUDDENLY WRACKED MY BODY! BUT I COMPOSED MYSELF QUICKLY AS I FELT LAWRENCE'S PRESENCE!



DARLING! WHAT... DID YOU HEAR...?

JUST HIS PART-ING SHOT! SOMETHING ABOUT HIS RING...AND THE "BIG ROCK" YOU'RE WEARING NOW!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

I... I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH! BILL IS FROM MY HOME TOWN... I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR YEARS! HE GAVE ME A... A FRIENDSHIP RING... AND SEEMED TO THINK IT MEANT MORE THAN IT REALLY DID!

I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME, DARLING! I WOULDN'T WANT ANY SECRETS BETWEEN US!

I TRIED TO: DISMISS THE INCIDENT... AND THE LIES I HAD TOLD LAWRENCE... FROM MY MIND DURING OUR REMAINING WEEKS IN FLORIDA! BUT ANOTHER SHOCK AWAITED ME ON MY RETURN TO NEW YORK!

HOME AGAIN! GOODNESS, LOOK AT ALL THIS MAIL!

HOME... BUT NOT FOR LONG, DARLING! SOON WE'LL BE MARRIED AND HAVE OUR OWN PLACE!

BUT AN ITEM WHICH SEEMED TO LEAP FROM THE FRONT PAGE OF MY HOME TOWN PAPER, CAUSED THE BLOOD TO RUSH FROM MY HEAD!

* WILLIAM MEDFORD, DUE TO FINISH HIS THIRD YEAR AT WEST POINT, HAS BEEN SUMMARILY DISMISSED FOR BEING ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE AND MISSING HIS END-OF-YEAR EXAMS! *

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DARLING? WHAT IS IT?

IT... IT'S BILL! HE'S BEEN DISMISSED FROM WEST POINT... BECAUSE HE CAME DOWN TO SEE ME WITHOUT PERMISSION!

THAT'S TOO BAD... BUT I SUPPOSE I WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME IN HIS POSITION!

SUDDENLY MY COURSE WAS CLEAR! HE WAS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO WEST POINT RULES... WE COULD BE MARRIED IMMEDIATELY!

HE... BILL LOVES ME! I'VE GOT TO SEE HIM!

BUT YOU'VE NO CAUSE TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE, HONEY! WHAT HE DID WAS HIS OWN DOING... AND YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH TO DO BEFORE WE'RE MARRIED!

LAWRENCE... I... I CAN'T MARRY YOU! I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH BILL!

I WAS AFRAID OF THAT! I KNEW YOU DIDN'T LOVE ME... BUT I THOUGHT THAT MY LOVE WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US!

I'M SORRY, LAWRENCE!

DON'T BE...! YOU WEREN'T IN LOVE WITH ME... AND YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE WITH BILL! YOU'RE ONLY IN LOVE WITH THE IDEA OF MARRIAGE, SHERRY, AND I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU!

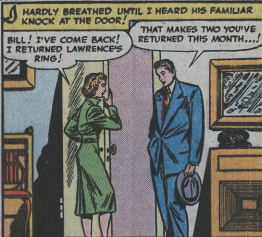
LOVE CONFESSIONS

I COULDN'T DENY LAWRENCE'S WORDS... BUT THEY APPLIED ONLY TO THE PAST, NOT TO THE PRESENT! AND AS MY TRAIN RACED TO OHIO AND TO BILL, THE BEATING OF MY HEART REPEATED, "I LOVE YOU, BILL... WE'LL BE MARRIED... I LOVE YOU..."



BILL... I'M HOME! CAN YOU COME OVER?

SURE, SHERRY... I'LL SEE YOU IN A FEW MINUTES...



HARDLY BREATHED UNTIL I HEARD HIS FAMILIAR KNOCK AT THE DOOR!
BILL! I'VE COME BACK! I RETURNED LAWRENCE'S RING!
THAT MAKES TWO YOU'VE RETURNED THIS MONTH...



DARLING... DON'T YOU SEE! WE CAN BE MARRIED! I LOVE YOU!

THANKS... BUT NO THANKS! I'VE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY! AFTER BASIC TRAINING I MIGHT GET ANOTHER CHANCE AT WEST POINT!



BUT, DARLING... WE'RE FREE TO GET MARRIED! THAT'S WHY I'VE COME BACK! THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT... ISN'T IT?

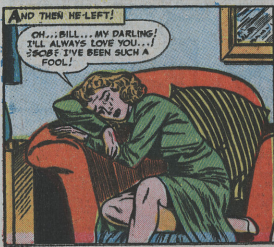
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED, SHERRY! BUT NOT ANY MORE... I'VE REALIZED MANY THINGS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS!



AND THEN BILL WAS SAYING THE SAME THINGS THAT LAWRENCE HAD SAID THE DAY BEFORE!

I LOVED YOU, SHERRY... AND THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME! BUT NOW I SEE THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANYONE FOR YOU... AS LONG AS IT MEANT MARRIAGE... IMMEDIATELY AND ABOVE ALL THINGS!

NO... BILL... SOBE NO... I LOVE YOU... I ALWAYS HAVE!



AND THEN HE LEFT!

OH... BILL... MY DARLING! I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU...! SOBE I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL!

BUT AS SOBE WRACKED MY BODY, I, TOO, REALIZED MANY THINGS! I LOVED BILL... DEEPLY AND DESPERATELY, BUT I HAD LOST HIM THROUGH MY OWN SHORTCOMINGS! I KNOW NOW THAT IF EVER ANOTHER BILL ENTERS MY LIFE, IT WON'T BE THE RING ON MY FINGER THAT COUNTS, BUT RATHER THE LOVE IN MY HEART!



I GET WHAT I WANT

"I'm warning you," cried Ginny. "You'd better stop flirting with Jim. He's my boyfriend and I don't intend to lose him to anyone, including my kid sister." And she stormed out of the bedroom, slamming the door as she went. Sheila sat at the dressing table, staring numbly into the mirror, before she spoke aloud. "Ginny has no right to strike out at me like that," and she burst into bitter tears.

Minutes later, as Sheila dabbed her eyes and repaired her damaged make-up, she went over the incident which led to Ginny's angry outburst. Ginny was the older sister by two years and she and Jim had been seeing each other regularly for several months. All during that time, Sheila had been strongly attracted to Jim and it was difficult to keep it hidden when he was around. Finally, at the club dance, she boldly asked Jim to dance with her and then led him onto the terrace to talk. That's where Ginny found them. Sheila gazing up at Jim, telling him how wonderful he was. "That's mighty flattering conversation coming from such a pretty girl," he had laughed. "I'm glad you think I'm pretty, Jim," replied Sheila seriously, "that's important to me." "And it's important to me that I have this next samba with Jim," interrupted Ginny, as she took Jim by the arm. "Come along, Sheila, I saw your date scouting the club, you'd better get back before somebody else steals him," she continued gaily.

Ginny had been so pleasant all evening that Sheila was doubly surprised the next day when Ginny returned from work and made straight for the bedroom the two sisters shared. She stated that she had noticed Sheila's interest in Jim and that last night was the last straw. Sheila fought back when the angry words began, but for a change, Ginny had the last word and she left no doubt in her younger sister's mind that she meant business. "I don't care if she is my sister," mused Sheila bitterly. "I want Jim." Then she added aloud, as she got up to leave the room, "And I always get what I want!"

Things went along as usual, with no mention of what had passed between the two sisters. Sheila's mind was full of ways she could contrive to meet Jim alone. She was so driven by her desire to show Ginny that she could take any man she wanted, that she was barely civil when they were at home together. She acted unlike herself, turning down dates and simply sitting by quietly, when Jim came to take Ginny out. Finally, one evening after Ginny and Jim had gone out, Sheila's mother spoke to her. "Why don't you go out instead of sitting around the house all the time, dear? I don't know what you're brooding about, but I'm sure you'd soon get over it if you'd just give yourself the chance to enjoy life. Look at Ginny and Jim. They have a wonderful time together, and—" "Ginny and Jim! Ginny and Jim!" snapped Sheila as she jumped to her feet. "I'm sick of her simpering and mooning over him and acting like he was her private possession!" Her mother's expression

stopped her before she went further. "So that's how it is, Sheila," her mother said softly.

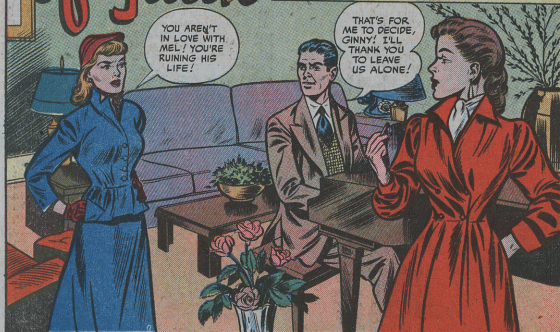
The next day, Sheila's heart stood still when she left her office building and discovered Jim waiting for her. "Hi, Sheila," he smiled, "thought I'd stop by and give you a lift. Come on over to the car." Sheila's eyes didn't leave his face but she stopped smiling when they got to the car and another man jumped out to greet her. He was very good looking in a blond, bronzed way, and Sheila knew that he was attracted to her at once. But he wasn't Jim, she reminded herself. She could feel the anger rise in her as Jim introduced Bruce Brandon. "Bruce is going out to dinner with Ginny and me, Sheila. How about making it a foursome?" Before she could open her mouth to refuse, Bruce cut in. "Nothing would please me more, Sheila. You'd make the evening perfect for me." Sheila reluctantly agreed to go along, getting more furious with every turn of the car wheels. She could just see Ginny planning this. In her smug way she must have asked Jim to get a date for her "poor, little sister." And Jim had complied. "Well, if she thinks this is going to throw me off the trail, she's wrong," mused Sheila.

The evening went well, and in spite of herself, Sheila had a good time, except when she saw Ginny and Jim dancing together or caught them looking at each other in that secret way they had. Bruce was charming and time and again, Sheila forgot everything but his attractiveness. Later, when Jim asked her to dance, she noticed that Bruce had whirled Ginny out onto the floor and Sheila knew the time had come to lay her cards on the table. "I think this is a dirty trick of Ginny's, Jim," she said heatedly. "And I'm sorry that you took part in it. Ginny knows how I feel about you, and throwing Bruce at me isn't going to change things." She paused, and before she could continue, Jim spoke in an even tone. "Ginny had nothing to do with this, Sheila. It was my idea to bring Bruce along. He knew you were my fiancée's sister and he asked for the introduction." "Fiancée?" queried the stunned Sheila. "Yes," replied Jim. "If Ginny would just say the word, I'd marry her tomorrow. But she's been holding off for some reason and you speaking as you just did, gives me a clue." Sheila broke away from Jim and walked hurriedly back to the table. Bruce was there alone. "Bruce, will you take me home," she asked. "I—I'd really like to leave now." "Sure thing, Sheila," he said agreeably.

That night, when Ginny came home, Sheila pretended she was asleep. Her heart ached for the wrong she had tried to do her sister. And she knew that Ginny was postponing her marriage to Jim in the hope that Sheila would become interested in someone else. During the weeks that followed, Sheila saw a lot of Bruce Brandon. She thought for a time that she was doing it merely to convince her sister that everything was all right once more, but before long she realized it was because of Bruce. He was what she really wanted!

The Wrong Kind of Faith

I BELIEVED IN MEL HUNTLEY, JUST AS ANY WOMAN BELIEVES IN THE MAN SHE LOVES! BUT WHEN I SAW ANOTHER WOMAN LEADING HIM TO RUIN, ENCOURAGING HIM TO BUILD HIS FUTURE ON A HOPELESS PIPE DREAM, I RAISED MY VOICE IN PROTEST. AND IT WAS THEN THAT MY OWN DREAMS CRUMBLLED INTO DUST AS MEL TURNED TO OTHER LIPS AND OTHER ARMS FOR THE LOVE HE HAD ONCE SOUGHT FROM ME!



YOU AREN'T IN LOVE WITH MEL! YOU'RE RUINING HIS LIFE!

THAT'S FOR ME TO DECIDE, GINNY! I'LL THANK YOU TO LEAVE US ALONE!

MEL AND I WERE GLORIOUSLY HAPPY BEFORE OUR TROUBLES BEGAN!

I GOT TWO NEW STUDENTS TODAY, DARLING! THAT'S FOUR MORE DOLLARS A WEEK! TO ADD TO OUR HOUSEKEEPING KITTY!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL, KITTY!

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BETWEEN WHAT I MAKE SETTING TYPE FOR THE BLADE AND THAT KITTY OF YOURS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET MARRIED IN STYLE!

WELL, AT LEAST WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE PLACE OF OUR OWN! OH, MEL, I CAN'T WAIT!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, SWEET! MR. GARVEY'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT RETIRING AND SELLING THE PAPER! BETWEEN THE BLADE'S PROFITS AND JOB PRINTING, WE COULD HAVE A SWELL BUSINESS!

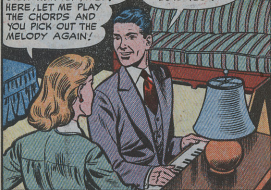
WE'LL HAVE TO SAVE FOR THAT, TOO! BUT IT'S GOING TO BE WORTH WAITING FOR!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

BESIDES OUR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE, MEL AND I SHARED A HOBBY THAT MADE FOR MANY PLEASANT EVENINGS!

THAT'S THE PRETTIEST TUNE YOU'VE EVER WRITTEN, MEL! HERE, LET ME PLAY THE CHORDS AND YOU PICK OUT THE MELODY AGAIN!

LET'S BE DIFFERENT AND CALL IT "I LOVE YOU"!



DEDICATED TO US!

AND TO THE DAY WE HAVE OUR OWN PIANO IN OUR OWN LIVING ROOM! IT'S GOING TO BE FUN, GINNY!



AND NOW, FOLKS, MEL HUNTLEY WILL PLAY ANOTHER OF HIS ORIGINAL TUNES!

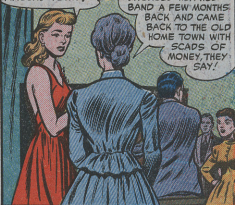
WHY, HE'S SUPERB!

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WHO IS THAT WOMAN, MRS. POTTER? I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE SEEN HER AROUND TOWN!

BARBARA WINSTON? OH, SHE LIVED HERE YEARS AGO! DIVORCED HER HUSBAND A FEW MONTHS BACK AND CAME BACK TO THE OLD HOME TOWN WITH SCADS OF MONEY, THEY SAY!



AND AFTERWARD!

GOOD HEAVENS, YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME AS A TYPESETTER? A TALENTED COMPOSER LIKE YOU?

PLEASE! I'M STRICTLY AN AMATEUR!



OH, BUT YOU'RE TALENTED ENOUGH TO REALLY GO PLACES!

MEL DOES TURN OUT SOME CUTE MELODIES! BUT, AFTER ALL, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF AMATEUR SONGWRITERS JUST LIKE HIM!

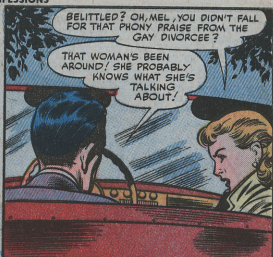
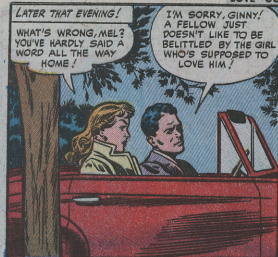


IT'S JUST A PASTIME WITH HIM!

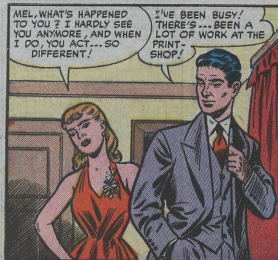
WELL, THEY SAY THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO A GENIUS NEVER APPRECIATE HIM! BUT I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO HEAR MORE OF YOUR MUSIC, MR. HUNTLEY!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



THAT EVENING WAS THE BEGINNING OF MEL'S CHANGED ATTITUDE TOWARD ME! AND AS WEEKS WENT BY!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

IF MEL'S BEHAVIOR CONFUSED ME, IT WAS EQUALLY CONFUSING TO MRS. GARVEY, HIS BOSS'S WIFE! AT A WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON A FEW DAYS LATER!

AND WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU AND MR. GARVEY GOING TO FLORIDA?

THAT'S RIGHT, MY DEAR!



DAD'S BEEN WANTING TO RETIRE FOR SEVERAL YEARS! I THINK HE'S A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED IN THAT YOUNG MAN OF YOURS, THOUGH!

DISAPPOINTED IN MEL? WHY?



WELL, WE'VE ALWAYS EARNED A GOOD LIVING FROM THE BLADE AND FROM THE PRINTSHOP. WE WERE SURE MEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BUYING US OUT, ESPECIALLY IF THE PRICE AND THE TERMS WERE BUT RIGHT!

I KNOW HE'S INTERESTED!



I'M AFRAID NOT, MY DEAR! IT DOES SEEM A PITY, BUT WE'RE TURNING THE BUSINESS OVER TO A BROKER THIS WEEK!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! MEL'S ALWAYS HOPED HE COULD BUY THE PLACE SOME DAY!



DAD EVEN OFFERED IT TO HIM WITH NO DOWN PAYMENT, BUT MEL SAID HE HAD OTHER PLANS!

THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HIM RIGHT AWAY!



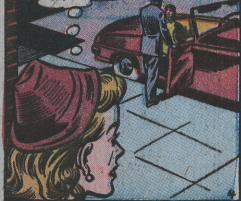
PUZZLED, I HURRIED TO THE SHOP FOR A TALK WITH MEL! BUT AS I STARTED FOR THE DOOR...

I KNOW YOU'LL LIKE THIS NEW TUNE! I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY IT FOR YOU, BARBARA!

I'M SIMPLY DYING TO HEAR IT, MEL!



SO THIS IS WHY MEL ISN'T INTERESTED IN THE SHOP... OR IN ME! OH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

IT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE, YET THE TERRIBLE ACHE IN MY HEART TOLD ME IT WAS TRUE! I HAD LOST MEL TO BARBARA WINSTON!

SOB: WE MADE SO MANY PLANS... SHARED SO MANY DREAMS! SOB: OH, MEL, I CAN'T LET YOU GO! I WON'T!



AND AFTER THERE WERE NO MORE TEARS LEFT TO SHED!

I CAN'T LET MEL PASS UP A CHANCE FOR SUCCESS BECAUSE OF A SILLY INFATUATION! I KNOW HE'LL LISTEN TO REASON IF I CAN GET BARBARA TO LEAVE HIM ALONE!



THE NEXT EVENING!

IT WASN'T EASY FOR ME TO COME HERE, MRS. WINSTON. IF I DIDN'T LOVE MEL AS I DO... YOU TALK ABOUT LOVING HIM!



AND YET YOU WANT TO SEE HIM TIED DOWN TO A PRINTSHOP, JUST SO YOU CAN HAVE SECURITY!

THAT ISN'T SO!



IT IS! IF YOU REALLY LOVE HIM YOU'D BE WILLING TO MAKE EVERY SACRIFICE FOR HIS ART! YOU'VE STIFLED HIS TALENT! WHY DO YOU THINK HE'S TURNED TO ME?

BECAUSE YOU'VE FLATTERED HIM!

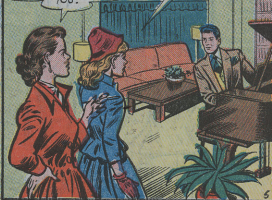


YOU'VE USED HIS SMALL TALENT TO GET HIM INTERESTED IN YOU! AND YOU CAN'T BE STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK HE HAS ANY FUTURE AS A SONGWRITER!



WHY DON'T YOU TELL THESE THINGS TO MEL? ER... DARLING, THERE'S SOMEONE HERE TO SEE YOU!

MEL! I... I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS HERE!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I HAD CHOSEN THAT EVENING TO CALL ON BARBARA BECAUSE IT WAS DEADLINE NIGHT AT THE BLADE AND MEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE SHOP. NOW AS I FACED HIM, THE FLOOR SEEMED TO CAVE IN UNDER ME!

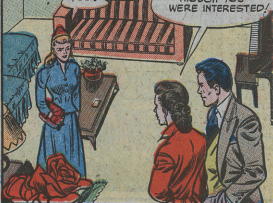
WHAT IS THIS, GINNY? IF YOU'RE GOING TO SPY ON ME, WHY NOT HIRE A DETECTIVE?

MEL!



I... CAME HERE BECAUSE I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE YOU THROW AWAY AN OPPORTUNITY THAT MEANS SO MUCH TO YOU!

SHE MEANS THAT DINKY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, DARLING! AS THOUGH YOU WERE INTERESTED!



OF COURSE I'M NOT! BARBARA'S OPENED MY EYES TO A REAL FUTURE IN THE SONGWRITING GAME! I'M GOING TO NEED MY MONEY TO FINANCE MY TRIP TO NEW YORK!

NEW YORK? YOU... OH, MEL, YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND!



BARBARA DOESN'T THINK SO! SHE'S EVEN OFFERED TO HELP ME SELL THESE SONGS... TUNES I WOULDN'T HAVE WRITTEN WITHOUT HER INSPIRATION!

THEN... ALL I CAN DO IS... WISH YOU LUCK, MEL!



SOB: I ONLY HOPE I'M WRONG... SOB: AND THAT YOU'LL BE VERY SUCCESSFUL AND SOB: HAPPY!

DON'T LET THOSE TEARS UPSET YOU, MEL! THAT SOB STUFF IS TYPICAL OF HER KIND!



I FEEL SORRY FOR GINNY! WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT MEL WOULD PULL A TRICK LIKE THAT? THAT WINSTON WOMAN! THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME SHE'S BROKEN SOMEBODY'S HEART!

MEL AND BARBARA LEFT FOR NEW YORK THE FOLLOWING WEEK! AND FOR ME, THE WHISPERED SYMPATHY OF MY FRIENDS WAS SHEER TORMENT!



AND THERE WERE OTHER REMINDERS OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

SURE HATED TO TURN THE BUSINESS OVER TO THE BROKER! YOU AND MEL COULD HAVE MADE A DANDY LIVING HERE!

I KNOW, MRS. GARVEY! BUT... MAYBE I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH IN HIS TALENT! MAYBE IT'S BETTER THIS WAY!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

LIFE HAS A WAY OF GOING ON, EVEN WHEN YOUR HOPES CRUMBLE TO DUST AND YOUR HEART IS BROKEN! BUT ONE DAY, NEARLY A MONTH AFTER MEL LEFT TOWN!

GINNY! WAIT, DEAR! WAIT UNTIL I TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENED!

THE PAPER! YOU'LL BE GOING TO FLORIDA, WON'T YOU, MRS. GARVEY?

I... SUPPOSE YOU SOLD



IN TIME, YES! BUT GUESS WHO CAME BACK TO WORK THIS MORNING? HE CONFESSIONED THAT HE'S ASHAMED TO PHONE YOU... MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO WALK OVER TO THE SHOP AND SEE HOW HE'S DOING!

MEL! MEL'S BACK! OH, MRS. GARVEY, HE MUST BE MISERABLE!



MEL WAS MISERABLE, BUT NOT BECAUSE OF HIS FAILURE!

I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU IF YOU NEVER SPOKE TO ME AGAIN! BUT I'VE MISSED YOU, GINNY... MISSED YOU SO MUCH!

I... THOUGHT YOU HAD PRETTY GOOD COMPANY!



BARBARA? GINNY, IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW THAT SOFT-SOAP GOT ON MY NERVES AFTER AWHILE! AND SHE KEPT TRYING TO MAKE A ROMANCE OUT OF IT... AND ALL I WANTED WAS TO SELL MY SONGS!

MAYBE YOU'D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT THAT, MEL!



YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW! I ONLY GOT INTO ONE SONG PUBLISHERS OFFICE... AND I GOT LAUGHED RIGHT OUT AGAIN!

DON'T YOU SEE, DEAREST? THEY WERE SONGS FOR US!



THAT'S WHAT BARBARA FINALLY DECIDED! LAST I HEARD SHE HAD A NEW PROTEGE! SOME POOR PRUNE WHO'S STRUGGLING TO WRITE A NOVEL ABOUT THREE SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ROW UP THE AMAZON IN A CANOE!

OH, MEL... MEL, YOU'RE PRICELESS!



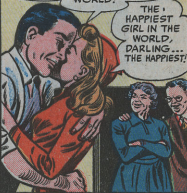
SAY, YOU TWO! SOON AS MEL SETS THE TYPE ON THOSE WEDDING INVITATIONS, WE HAVE A LITTLE BUSINESS TO TALK ABOUT!

FIRST I HAVE TO TALK MEL INTO USING MY PIANO LESSON KITTY FOR A DOWN PAYMENT, MRS. GARVEY!



AND THEN I'M GOING TO SET UP SOME PERSONAL WEDDING INVITATIONS. THE TOWN'S BIGGEST SAPI IS GOING TO MARRY THE MOST WONDERFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD!

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Correct and Flatter Your Individual Bust Problems INSTANTLY! on **FREE 10-DAY TRIAL!**

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SIZES 34 TO 52

Style No. 222
Long-line
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Complete Line of "Yuth-Bust"
Bra Desires to be Fatter
your individual figure type.

COLORS
NUDE, WHITE
BLACK
Look Slimmer and
Years Younger!

Self-conscious about developed,
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youthline make you look
years older than you are? Both
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an exclusive patent pend.
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Gives bust a bewitching sepa-
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to help **FLATTEN BULGING**
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tachement hooks. Light and
comfortable—yet firm. Built-up
shoulder straps of bra
fabric. Simple adjustments.
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INSIDE
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Helps correct your
individual large
bust problem.



Special patent pend. bust mold-
ing feature on inside of all
"Yuth-Bust" styles, lifts, sup-
ports and cups large busts into
the smaller youthful outlines
you want, whether they
are extra large, spread out or
sagging.



One of Our Many Satisfied Customers
Below Says:
"I've had had expensive bras made
to order. But I could never get the
satisfactory fit, style and attractive
bustline for my full bust that your
"Yuth-Bust" bra now gives me."
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Style No. 202 Adjust-
able Shoulder Strap
Bra only **\$2.98.**



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MEDIUM BUST

SIZES 32 TO 42

Style No. 205

New Patent Pend. constructed
"Glamour-Form" bra corrects
medium bust problems in a jiffy!

COLORS—NUDE,
WHITE, BLUE, BLACK

You rarely are a woman with an
average size bust which is natu-
rally perfect. That is because a
woman's breast muscles and tis-
sue break down having your
bust shaped with one or two
more problems that should
be corrected. Your medium
bust may be too flatly
spread out. It may be
too much, or it may have
lost its firmness and round-
ness. Your ordinary bra is
not designed to cor-
rect your individual
bust problem. For this
reason a famous
bust culture stylist de-
signed the "Glamour-
Form" Bra to specifically
correct the medium size
bust problems. Don't wan-
der for your figure in any
ruffly you wear—like no
other bra! Gorgeous, wonder-
ful quality fabric that washes
like a dream! Simple adjust-
able shoulder

straps and adjustable elastic
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for your individual medium
bust problems.

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Customer Below who says:
"I can't thank you enough
for my "Glamour-Form"
Bra. Your inside feature
does more for my bustline
than any other bra I ever
wore."
—Miss J. Ward,
Glimmering, Michigan.



PICTURED HERE are
some of the Medium Bust
types who can be helped.



Famous bust culture
stylist created this
wonderlike feature un-
derneath the bra. It in-
stantly flattens and ac-
centuates the average
size bust, gives them a
firm uplift, roundness,
and firmness no matter
whether your medium
size bust sag too much,
or is too flatly spread
out, or is not firm or
round enough.



BEFORE Miss Ward wore
the "Glamour-Form" Bra for her
average size bust, her bewitching
bustline made her clothes fit
her like a movie star. She
now sparkles with personal-
ity and is society popular.



AFTER she wore the "Glan-
mour-Form" Bra for her
average size bust, her bewitching
bustline made her clothes fit
her like a movie star. She
now sparkles with personal-
ity and is society popular.



SMALL BUST

SIZES 28 TO 38

Special Design "Up-and-Out"
Bra gives You a Fuller, Alluring
Bustline Instantly.

NO PADS!

COLORS
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BLUE, BLACK

Self-conscious about your
flat looking bustline? Figure
Glamour starts with a slow-
motion bustline. The sensa-
tional "Up-and-Out" Bra
has an exclusive secret
patent pend. feature
that tends to lift and
cup flat, unsightly,
small busts into a Fuller,
Well-Rounded, Exciting
Bustline like magic instan-
tly! **NO PADS!**—no artificial
padding—just a fine
elastic back and easy to ad-
just shoulder straps. Beauti-
ful fabric—easy to wash.
New Wear All Dresses,
Blouses, Sweaters, etc. (No Matter How Firm
Fitting) With Bustline Confidence! Only **\$2.49**



Illustrated are some types
who can be helped



This special patent pend. bust
molding feature on inside of bra
lifts, supports and cups your bust.
NO MATTER WHETHER THEY
**ARE SMALL, FLAT, OR SAG-
GING**, into Fuller, Well-Rounded
"Up-and-Out" curves like magic
instantly!

One of Our Many Satisfied Customers
Below Says:
"It's amazing how its special feature gives my
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—Miss Doris Harris, Wichita, Kansas.



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fidence.



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plus postage, if after 10 days I am not
completely satisfied, I may return mer-
chandise for my money back. Be sure to
write in **HOW MANY, SIZE AND COLOR**
of styles you desire.

HOW MANY	STYLE NO.	SIZE	COLOR
	191		
	292		
	393		
	404		
	505		
	722		

NAME _____

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CITY _____

ZONE _____

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